

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

Claims 1 to 19 as originally filed are pending. The instant application has been restricted to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1 to 4, 10 to 14 and 17 to 19, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors and host cells;

Group II: Claim 5 to 8, drawn to polypeptides;

Group III: Claim 9, drawn to antibodies; and

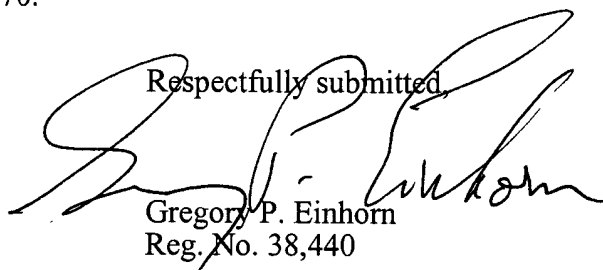
Group IV: Claims 15 and 16, drawn to a method of identifying test compounds.

The Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 to 4, 10 to 14 and 17 to 19.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200; or Ted Apple, Registration No. 36,429, at (650) 324-6370.

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